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Appomattox In The Spotlight

The Times-Virginian has been amazed at the fabulous publicity given Appomattox over the nation, in connection with the 95th Anniversary of the PEACE made here on April 9th, 1865. The countless publicity involved mostly "re-writes" of previous and oft-repeated material, but some of them showed new research. The conclusion we have formed is that there is tremendous national interest in anything pertaining to Appomattox!

An outstanding editorial on The Appomattox Story appeared April 9 in the Lynchburg Daily Advance. Harper's Magazine gave a major article to the Civil War episode in its current issue. The Lynchburg Iron Worker Magazine had a truly wonderful section this issue on the Battle of Lynchburg, and this article had many Appomattox references. The Richmond Times-Dispatch featured a magazine feature on Lee and Grant at Appomattox. In fact, there is no way to list all of the perfectly splendid publicity GIVEN to Appomattox, and more exactly, given to the sustained interest in the War Between the States.

EASTER, 1960

Easter, the principal ecclesiastical event of the year, gets its name from, Eostre, a Teutonic goddess, whose festival was celebrated in the Spring. Her name was given to the Christian festival, as it was she, according to legend, who opened the portals of Valhalla to receive the White God and the Sun God, representing purity and light.

The history of Easter, which is a symbol of the Resurrection to us, is intertwined with many religious customs and observances dating back hundreds of years and before the time of Jesus Christ. However, Christians have utilized various customs and traditions to create and to color this observance in the real spirit of Jesus' rebirth.

The Easter egg, for example, came to be associated with Easter because eggs were forbidden to be eaten during Lent and on Easter Sunday they were traditionally served. The Easter egg, though, had dated back to the Egyptians and the Persians, and also the Greeks and Romans, who ate eggs annually in their Spring festivals. Eggs have long since been connected with new life, as was the rabbit, a most prolific animal, and the rabbit was eventually to be used in children's tales, as another emblem of fertility or new life.

Jesus arose from the dead on the first day of the week, and Gentile Christians have held ever since that Easter should be observed on Sunday. Jewish Christians for many years observed the day on the date of the Passover, regardless of whether it was Sunday or not.

In any event, it is appropriate that Easter comes in the Spring, when the renewal of life is so apparent about us all. Sunrise services in our churches - an observance of recent origin in most churches - symbolizes the Resurrection at Sunrise. Today this religious practice is observed in practically all of the churches as a symbol of hope, inspiration and faith.

British Stress Education

The British government has announced that British children will be required to attend school through the age of sixteen in the future.

For many years, British children were only educated through their fifteenth year. The announcement from London is an obvious indication that the British, like so many Americans, are concerned with the challenge of the times—in education, in science, and in so many other fields.

Even though the British system is considered to be far superior to the American educational system, year for year, and student for student, by age, the British are lengthening their schooling by one year. Other than much talk, and a series of articles, and a resulting emphasis on science courses, the American school system has changed relatively little in the face of the communist challenge.

Few friendships avoid at least one acid test.

Not taking yourself seriously is usually a sign of brains.

You can usually judge a person by his or her friends, just like the saying goes.

There is one sure way not to go into debt — spend less than you earn, even if only a penny less.

Churches are built for thinking human beings; if you are one of them, the bell tolls for you.

This is the time of year when all those who are alive should go out into the great outdoors.

Symmington announces candidacy for Desmination nomination for the Presidency.

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Washington Notes

Nixo's Running Mate

The impression is growing among Republicans that Vice-President Nixon may tap Attorney General Rogers for second place on the GOP ticket.

Rogers, who has worked closely with Nixon as one of his intimate advisors, is 46 years old, personable and vigorous. He hails from New York.

Invest-In-America

Senator Wiley (R.-Wisc.) wants the week of April 24 to be called National Invest-In-America Week. He has urged a Senate Judicial subcommittee to take prompt action on a resolution proclaiming the week.

Wiley said that encouraging more people to invest their savings in American enterprise is "fundamental to our economic progress."

$140,000 For Diapers

The United States Air Force considers the baby business as big business.

It has asked Congress for $140,000 to pay the bill for diaper service during the fiscal year starting July 1. This service is for airmen's infants born or treated in Government hospitals.

Brig. Gen. John K. Cullen, director of plans and hospitalization made the request to the House Appropriations Committee.

Conscience Fund

The Internal Revenue Service says errant taxpayers who make enonymous contributions to the agency's "conscience fund" will be credited with the payments if tax agents ever catch up with them.

In response to an inquiry, officials said evidence of every payment to the fund is carefully preserved for this purpose.

Conscience fund is the informal name given to an IRS account which receives contributions from taxpayers who have cheated Uncle Sam and want to settle their debt without revealing their identity. The fund collects about -10,000 a year.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What makes the noise that is thunder? How far can you usually hear it?

Thunder, which you don't hear often during the winter, but which will begin to be heard in March in southern regions, and April in the northernly ones more often, is a result of expansion and contraction of air.

This, in turn, is caused by sudden heating from lightning. Thunder is caused by the firing of a big gun or artillery piece. The heating of the air, and contraction and expansion, cause a thunder at the muzzle.

Generally speaking, thunder is not heard for more than ten miles, although it has been heard than twice that far away.

British maneuver against mock foe in Libya.

Segni fails in try to form Italian cabinet.

British endorse compulsory education until 16.

Appomattox is a growing town.

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U. N. study supports cer.

CHRISTMAS SEAL BUYERS THANKED

The Southside Tuberculosis Association wishes to express it's heartfelt thanks to the residnts of Southside Virginia for their support of their 53rd Annual Christmas Seal Sale. The Association pledges that it will do everything in its power to protect homes against tuberculosis.

The total of the Christmas Seal contributions amounted to $14,176.-27.

The breakdown by counties showed that the Mail Sale in Appomattox County was $961.00, and Negro Bond Sale was -90.16.

Flattery Fails

They were discussing girls.

"How is it, Jack," asked Joe, "that you get on so well with the girls?"

"Easy," was the reply. "Try flattery. For instance, the girl I was out with last night got a fly in her eye, and I said, 'I can't see how it could miss such big eyes as yours.' After that I had her eating out of my hand."

A few days later they met again.

"Hm," said Joe. "I don't think much of your flattery stunt. I tried it, but it didn't come off."

"What happened?"

"The girl I was with got a fly in her mouth."

New military effort by Algerians expected.

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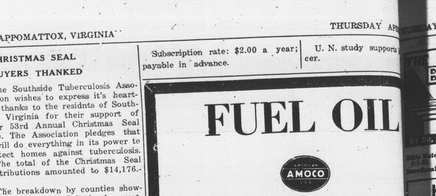

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Heaven Now

Lesson for April 17, 1960

Dr. Foreman

THE CHRISTIAN life is not just "pie in the sky" added to the same old life. It is not an ordinary life plus a few good resolutions, or good intentions. It is not an ordinary life with certain additions. It is most emphatically not what you have been or what you are. It is not a continuation of the old life on a new plane. It is something entirely new. The whole thing is new, from top to bottom, heart and heart out.

Christ Is Heaven Now

Now the calendar we are in the midst of the Easter season. In our study we are in the midst of the Sermon on the Mount. Have you any connection? Apparently some would say. Easter is one thing, and it is something that happens once a year. The Sermon on the Mount is something for us to work out a pattern for living. Christ came to heaven but we are here on earth. He lives above the sky, in a heavenly world we could reach only by space-ship but in the spiritual realm of heaven. We live under the natural clouds with rain in them.

Yet, living here on earth (we sometimes shorten the Sermon on the Mount) we are driven harder to live by. If Christ is in heaven, now . . But at this point the Apostle Paul breaks in. Christ is in heaven, he says. Oh, you can't be, you say. I'm not dead, am I? Yes, you are, he replies: "For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

Life Without Sin

Paul's language is strange, but he does see what he is saying. His thought was probably describing a mystical experience. He was a mystic, and he had meditated much on the death of Christ until he found himself actually sharing in that death. Later mystics in the history of the church have so concentrated on the sufferings of Christ on the cross that visible marks like nail-prints have appeared in their hands and feet.

However, most Christians, then and now, are not mystics. For them Paul is speaking the language of "as-if." He is using a figure of speech to describe a Christian's life. It is, as it were, a little life of heaven now. If you are only one with Christ, you can think of yourself as having died and risen again and living "at the right hand of God." You are already a citizen of that better land. In fact, if you were already there! Some of the features of the life of heaven is that no sin is there. So long as it is to us, Sin doesn't belong to them, and as a citizen of heaven it doesn't belong in your life.

Another feature of the life of heaven is the "risen" life, is freedom from the barriers set up by society, or more often wrongly in this world. What is a Social Register doing in heaven? What difference will there be in "salary ranges" beyond the grave? Do the Christians go with colored people? Paul refers to the most formidable barriers of his day, those between Greek and Jew, slave and freeman, barbarian and civilized, and he plainly "here there cannot be" these distinctions. The Christian life, if it matches the life of heaven, must be as free from such distinctions as heaven is.

Above All, Love . . .

Paul mixes his figures of speech, as he very often does. Along with the picture of the Christian life as a risen, heavenly life, he pictures the exchange of clothes. We can almost hear him saying, All right, this heaven-picture seems far-fetched to you, let's try one you do understand. Everybody knows what it is to take off old dirty clothes and put on fresh ones. Very well; you have put off your old nature, and you have put on a new nature. (Dying and rising with Christ, he would have said, is layman's language for putting on a new garment and taking off one that will never be worn again — but — some one objects — that can't mean we are already perfect in holiness? Not at all. Paul would add as a command what he had just expressed as a fact: Put on compassion, kindness . . . and so on. "Above all these put on love.")

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The working age ranged for the pupils.

Homemakers Items

Selecting kitchen utensils today is not the simple job it was some years ago, says Miss Amelia H. Fuller, home management specialist at VPI.

A few years back only a few materials were used in making such equipment. But today new designs, new materials, and new finishes have been introduced. The newest development is Pyroceram. This material will stand temperature changes from very cold to very hot. Casseroles, and other baking items can go from the freezer to broiler or even to a bath of ice water without breaking, buckling, or warping.

Many styles and designs of oven glassware are available. Smart shapes in clear glass, opaque white, and a variety of plain and decorated pastels are now available.

Other materials used include the brightly colored and decorated enamel steel and cast iron wares, the porcelain - clad cast aluminium, and stainless steel.

Here are a few things to remember when purchasing kitchen equipment:

Pans for top of the stove cooking should be made of heavy material so they will withstand high temperatures and direct heat. If utensils are to be used for frying, braising, or waterless cookery, select materials that hold heat and are heavy enough to prevent warping.

Buy flat-bottomed utensils with tight-fitting covers. Welded on handles and curved joining of sides and bottoms add to the ease of cleaning. The handles should be of a heat resisting material and easy to grasp and hold.

Remember, few seams, rounded corners and smooth edges will add to the ease of cleaning. Select standard size baking pans because recipes are now standardized for good baking results. Many of these pans hav the sizes stamped on them.

Keep Farm Machines In Safe Condition

The world's best driver can still have an accident if he's driving an unsafe car. The same holds true for unsafe farm equipment.

The VPI Agricultural Extension Service's safety committee says no matter what machine you drive or operate, or when or where, be sure the machine is in a safe condition. Don't try to squeeze a few hundred more miles out of "bald tires." Don't wait until tomorrow to have those—worn—out windshield wiper blades replaced.

Getting The Job Done

Milwaukee, Wisc.. Sidewalks around a certain house on Milwaukee's south side were the best shoveled in town during the recent snow.

Disguised as a snow-removal crew, 10 vice squad detectives wielded shovels while waiting for members of a gambling ring to leave the house. They got their men and took them to jail.

Good Advice

Daughter: Mom, what kind of a husband would you advise me to get?

Mother: You just get a single man and leave the husbands alone.

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